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Alan R. Schriber, Chairman

NOTICE OF EX PARTE PRESENTATION (47 C.F.R. § 1.1204(10))

October 27, 2008

The Honorable Kevin Martin, Chairman
The Honorable Deborah Taylor Tate, Commissioner
The Honorable Michael Copps, Commissioner
The Honorable Jonathan Adelstein, Commissioner
The Honorable Robert McDowell, Commissioner

Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: NARUC MOTION/REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON RECENTLY CIRCULATED "REPORT AND ORDER, ORDER ON REMAND, AND FURTHER NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING" ON UNIVERSAL SERVICE AND INTERCARRIER COMPENSATION REFORM.

In the Matter of Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92, In the Matter of Petition of AT&T Inc. for Interim Declaratory Ruling and Limited Waivers Regarding Access Charges and the ESP Exemption, CC Docket No. 08-152, In the Matter of IP-Enabled Services, WC Docket No. 04-36, In the Matter of Universal Service Contribution Methodology, WC Docket No. 06-122, In the Matter of Petition for Declaratory Ruling Filed by CTIA, WT Docket No. 05-194, In the Matter of Jurisdictional Separations & Referral to the Federal-State Joint Board, CC Docket No. 80-286

Commissioners:

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) is concerned about reports we are hearing about the FCC's pending vote on reform measures on universal service and intercarrier compensation.

The Ohio Commission commends the FCC for its impulse to resolve the many outstanding issues of critical importance to telecommunications reform. However, I join my National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) colleagues in asking that the FCC take the steps necessary to insure that reform is established in a careful, meaningful way and not rushed to judgment simply to meet a court deadline.

Ohio, like the rest of the country, is feeling the effects of the nation's economic crisis. As Chairman of the Ohio Commission, I am concerned about an FCC order that could negatively impact investment in our most rural, and highest cost markets and, worse still, could cause rates to increase to Ohio citizens and businesses during these tough economic times. Ohio respectfully requests that the FCC delay consideration of such comprehensive reform until the FCC can more fully assimilate the proposal and the potential impact on the industry and consumers.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan R. Schriber Chairman